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SUBJECT: IMPENDING GAO REPORT ON LOCAL NATIONAL
EMPLOYMENT BY US FORCES IN FRG, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES,
KOREA, AND ITALY

1. GAO REGIONAL OFFICE IN FRANKFURT HAS JUST INFORMED
EMBASSY THAT GAO WASHINGTON WILL BE PUBLISHING WITHIN

TWO TO FOUR WEEKS A CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON EMPLOYMENT
OF LOCAL NATIONALS BY THE US FORCES IN THE FRG,
JAPAN, THE PHILIPPINES, KOREA AND ITALY. THE
CONSOLIDATED REPORT WILL BE BASED ON PREVIOUSLY
PREPARED AND PUBLISHED GAO REPORTS ON EACH OF THE
COUNTRIES NAMED.

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2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE PUBLICATION WITHOUT
PRIOR PRESS COORDINATION BY GAO WITH DOD OR THE STATE
DEPARTMENT OF A REPORT ENTITLED "DOD PAY PRACTICES
FOR GERMAN NATIONALS SHOULD BE CHANGED" IN EARLY
DECEMBER 1977 RESULTED IN MISGUIDED REPORTING ON
ITS PURPOSE AND CONTENT IN BOTH US AND GERMAN MEDIA.

THAT REPORTING MUCH MORE THAN THE GAO REPORT ITSELF, CONTINUES TO CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES FOR BOTH THE US AND FRG GOVERNMENTS WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION OF THE EMPLOYMENT BY US FORCES IN THE FRG OF MILITARY DEPENDENTS INTO POSITIONS LONG FILLED BY LOCAL NATIONALS.

3. GAO FRANKFURT STATED THAT IT HAS ARRANGED FOR GAO WASHINGTON TO PROVIDE THE FRANKFURT OFFICE WITH COPY OF THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE REPORT AT SUCH TIME AS THAT DRAFT IS SUBMITTED TO THE PRINTERS. GAO FRANKFURT WILL BE PROVIDING A COPY OF THAT DRAFT TO THE EMBASSY AS SOON AS IT CAN.

4. EMBOFF REQUESTED THAT GAO FRANKFURT SEEK TO ENSURE THAT GAO WASHINGTON PROVIDES STATE DEPARTMENT WITH COPY OF THAT FINAL DRAFT ASAP TO PERMIT STATE DEPARTMENT COORDINATION WITH DOD ON PRESS GUIDANCE TO BE USED ONCE THE REPORT IS ACTUALLY RELEASED.

5. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF CONTACT GAO WASHINGTON (MR. HOGLAN IN THE FEDERAL PERSONNEL COMPENSATION DIVISION) TO ENSURE IT RECEIVES COPY OF DRAFT REPORT FOR EARLY COORDINATION ON PRESS HANDLING BETWEEN STATE, DOD, AND POSSIBLY ALSO GAO. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SEEK OPPORTUNITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORM FOR THE PRINTERS.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PRESS GUIDANCE THAT MAY BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS. STOESEL

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